



## Credential Tip Sheet: NCCER Core

Career Cluster: Architecture & Construction

CIP Code: 46.0000

CIP Program Name: Construction Trades

Credentialing Agency: National Center for Construction Education & Research (NCCER)

Industry-recognized credential: NCCER-Core

### What are the content areas covered by the credential?

The NCCER Core credential covers the following content: construction math, hand tools, power tools, construction drawings, basic rigging, communication skills, employability skills, and materials handling. Teachers can learn more about the NCCER Carpentry Core credential by viewing information on the [NCCER Program Resources webpage](#), [NCCER Core webpage](#), and the [Instructor Resource Center](#).



### Credential Qualifications or Pre-requisites

The Core credential requires 17 hours of instruction or training. Core should be completed before moving on to Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 credentials. The credential is valid for five years. Test results are made available to the instructor and the student at the [NCCER Registry System](#). The NCCER Core credential is a pre-requisite for the additional NCCER Levels 1, 2 and 3.

### Exam Information

NCCER publishes its curriculum in partnership with Pearson. These competency-based materials have measurable objectives, meet apprenticeship requirements for time-based training, and are in a flexible modular format. Modules include a written assessment and a performance verification process. Test results are made available to the instructor and the student at the [nccer.org/workforce-development-programs/credentials-registry](http://nccer.org/workforce-development-programs/credentials-registry). Call 1-800-848-9500 to set up an account and obtain an 11-digit Pearson account number to place an order and get the discounted business pricing. Information about ordering, as well as, Pearson contact information can be found on the [Ordering Books & Modules webpage](#).

## Who is eligible for the credential?

Student concentrators in state-approved CTE programs who have completed at least two Perkins Course Competencies (PCC) with a 2.0 or better and have completed the qualifications and instruction required by the credentialing body may take the credential exam.

A PCC is a specific set of related CTE competencies based on standards from one CIP code that are grouped together. For Perkins V reporting, standardized courses will be termed "PCCs." (Source: [Perkins V FINAL Definitions: Course, Participant, Concentrator, Completer](#) memo)

Credentials earned may be recorded for students in the Career and Technical Education Information System (CTEIS) through August 31<sup>st</sup> of the student's graduation year. Step-by-step instructions on how to enter credentials in CTEIS can be found here: [Manage Credentials Guide](#).



## Contact Information

### Credential and Testing Information

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